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SUMMARY.

Most alarming reports continue to come from San Francisco. Telegraphed on Thursday morning that the city was practically destroyed, and that the situation could only be worse.

Congress has voted a million dollars for the relief of sufferers. Rations are also being supplied.

The destruction extends over a radius of 500 yards from San Francisco.

The majority of the houses and commercial buildings in Montgomery street were burnt, hundreds being reported in the debris.

Chinese and the Japanese quarters are in flames, and the city is now a state of confusion, and much of the city is in flames.

Thousands of Chinese and thousands of Japanese are in the streets.

Many blocks were dynamited during the night, but the flames overtook all obstacles, and the flames abandoned all hope of controlling the fire.

The newspapers combined in the issue of a single print in the "Chronicle" office until the buildings destroyed were the house of Mrs. Stanford, the Merchants' Exchange, and the Mark Hopkins Art Institute.

One hundred thousand people passed Westward in the park, and probably 200,000 spent Thursday night in the same manner.

The city had only three days' food supply, and a famine is feared. Prices have trebled.

The sale of food is regulated, and the rich are prevented from making free purchases. Thousands wait while the soldiers distribute water.

People are half dazed, but are calm. Severe reports that the casualties have been confined to the poorer tenement quarters.

It is impossible at present to trace individuals, but Englishmen and foreigners staying at large hotels are likely to be safe.

Two lady millionaires, Mrs. Hermann Ochs and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, residing in New York, have been ruined by the disaster.

President Roosevelt has appealed for private contributions.

Wall-street suspended business to arrange for relief. Railways are conveying supplies from all directions.

Enormous contributions have been received, including 100,000 dollars from Mr. J. B. Rockefeller.

Despite death penalties, looting is rampant. A sailor bayoneted one thief.

On Thursday afternoon a telegraph operator at San Francisco wired that the office was "looking like a boat," and the message ceased.

The ship, containing 60,000,000 dollars, was saved by the Pacific squadron in San Francisco.

Over two-thirds of the city has been destroyed, and there is no possibility of saving the remainder.

A hundred million dollars' worth of securities were stored in the deposit vaults in the burnt-out banking quarter.

LADY JOURNALIST.

AS TO MILITARY.

"If one can get any sense out of a Paris Model, one may look for a better one. To try to get a better one in good style from the Paris Model is to try to get a better one in good style from the Paris Model."

AS TO THE FIRST STATEMENT, so far as we are concerned, it is a mistake. There are no "COMING AND STYLISH HATS."

FROM A GINKER TO THE SHOW.

IS FARMER'S SHOWROOMS.

AS TO THE STATEMENT.

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THE NEW EDUCATION.

(By J. D. F.)

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The rapid spread of the suburbs round Sydney has caused a considerable amount of apprehension amongst arborists and enthusiastic municipalists lest the splendid forest

tion. Nature, in Australia, has been bountiful and prodigality in the provision of splendid forests, which we degrade with the mean title of "bush." Within a few miles of the throbbing centres of Sydney we find ourselves in the heart of the forest. Especially is this the case on that stretch of country on the north-west from Lane Cove River to the upper reaches of Middle Harbour. In dealing with

Vandalism which is going on in our midst. We can take this region as a typical instance, although there are scores of other instances. The trees are being cut down and the spaces being pushed out in the marvellous expansion of this great city.

Some time ago Mr. Malden, the Director of the Botanic Gardens, proclaimed it as his policy to plant a new section of gum trees in the Centennial Park and other open spaces under his control. That boast showed an appreciation of the value of such work. The community, however, has not been so sympathetic. The "progressive" socialist will sympathize with the work of the "conservative" capitalist, but not with the planting of thousands of young trees, the speculative builder and the private vandal. The latter are the ones who are cutting down a forest of trees in the south of their finest maturity.

A question arises as to whether those who are cutting down the trees are not more intelligent native tree-realise what they are doing? Do they ever pause and consider the

tries to reach its present position? One does not need to descend to sarcasm: will cut down a noble gum tree in order to replace it with a cheaper tree? In one suburban park at Canterbury the lofty gums were ruthlessly cut down and replaced by a variety of deciduous trees. Some owners frequently do this. All around the city, on the banks of the River, are fine forests, consisting of tall, straight, and stately eucalypts. These are rapidly touched by the Vanda's axe. But as the city expands, the district where the trees are cut down and destroyed. At Woolston, where the railway crosses the river, on as the passenger passes in the train. Huge gum trees, some of them of the most ordinary person for their wonderful height and girth are lying on the ground, and the monstrous roots being dislodged, are scattered in all directions. The suburban gum trees still stand, a monument to the artistic conscientiousness of the city fathers. Higher up and lower down the same line, the trees are cut down and replaced by deciduous trees, and the tall gums which are still standing towards the gum tree which is dislodged by certain residents of the suburbs of the city. The natural beauty in the tree itself. The trees are cut down and replaced by deciduous trees, in shape, in general appearance, in the

shades which take place in the most
 of us with the seasons. How we have
 and trees know that the most marvel-
 ous changes of colour come to it in the
 varying seasons, not in all the varieties,
 of course—not in the gum, the ironbarks,
 and the stringybarks, which are all
 of the bark, and show soft olives,
 greens, rich rose madders, and pale blues
 in their inner bark. In all those splendid
 forests on the North Shore these strange
 colour changes may be seen in the
 of the bark as long instead of pre-
 serving—I do not say all, but a careful selec-
 tion of the best and most picturesque trees—
 the axe is put to work, and the ground is
 cleared of every tree.
 is cleared of every tree. To arrive at an act of wan-
 on destruction. Who can replace a tree once
 is cut down? One is struck with a sense

pity at the evil caprice, or the hopeless
 ignorance, which causes the murder
 of the noble tree. The word there "mur-
 der" or simply describes such an act? And
 is it intensified and changed to anger
 when one reflects that it is not alone its pic-
 turelessness that makes the eucalyptus worth
 preserving. It has a distinctively and
 the North American, and a southern, and in
 (China) it has been planted with bene-
 ficial results. In those places, where the tree
 is an alien, anyone found guilty of destroying
 one of the gums would probably be treated
 as a criminal.
 Is this a practical question. Either
 through ignorance or wantonness, those
 splendid forests in close proximity to Sydney

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vantage of the masters, who, having trained themselves in a special branch of study, would be ruined if any other system of education were insisted upon by the parents. The masters benefit, the boys suffer. If, at our schools, Latin and Greek were made to change places in relative importance with French and German, many lads on entering life would

Portions of this criticism may not apply to our Australasian schools, but that French should change places with Latin in our public schools should be insisted upon by parents. Our boys may not be able to acquire the accent obtained by the Russian methods, but if they could be so trained as to be able successfully to conduct French conversations

We are content to let the boy go to school and fend for himself. His exercise books are already covered with the figures they are, and questions reveal the fact that he is not in any way out of the ordinary. It is not in accordance with our views, we write to the schoolmaster, to press on the defects of our system. Our Public school masters are locked in the house for the largest period of their lives, and are not allowed to go to the rushing, busy world. They have, however, to train boys to this bustling world of ours, and it is a pity that they do not know but very little. The parents of the children, who are so arduous, would be extremely helped in their

They paid part of the large bills which they served to the school authorities. The school authorities, if they made occasional donations of prizes to the students, were not to be taken into consideration. They would have the experience of the world taught them would be received gratefully by the students. The students would be trained to be grateful, and to serve as a basis for their training.

A prize for the best exercise book, kept in the school, was given to the student who had the approval of the accountant of a commercial house, would surely open up numerous lines of work as to the management of work was required.

Another prize for a composition, correct as to facts, and as to the treatment of the subject, was again open up a very large field as to the difficulties of the reader and compositor on the subject.

These, and numerous other methods for bringing the school work in closer touch with the world, should be readily suggested to the parent.

The State is largely handicapped in its school system, and is unable to furnish the schools cannot proceed with science subjects for this reason. We have few Carnegie libraries, and few libraries of the kind which are necessary for the study of science.

to do anything. Surely, however, it is not too much to ask for a keener interest by the parents, especially those with large incomes who obtain practically free education for their boys. A donation of chemical apparatus, measuring tapers, and other instruments or other scientific apparatus, to the school where the boys attend, would not be felt as a bribe, but would be a very real assistance to the overburdened department.

FOUR DAYS ON A RAFT.

BOY'S TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

The White Star liner Majestic, which arrived at Queenstown yesterday from New York, says the London "Standard" of February 1, brought a party of passengers from the wreck of the ship, the rescue, by the British steamer Largo, of one of her crew, after suffering terrible privations and after being on a raft without food for four days.

On December 15 last the Largo was going on her voyage to the United States, when she was wrecked in the Long Island Sound, near Rockaway, and the ship was broken up.

The second officer, Tom Davidson, from the bridge saw a small boat in the water and the crew of the tug pulled it toward him. Through the glass it looked like a bit of wreckage, with a big crawfish moving about on it. Davidson, in the direction, and saw a man in a slickin breeches upon a stick. "That was the most miserable sight I ever saw," said Davidson. "I wanted to stand by to save him, he fell down upon his knees in the water over the raft, clapped his hands and begged for help. The boat was manned, and the boy taken from the raft, which was only eight square feet in area, and some lines. The captain, who had stood upon his frail craft, without sleep, fresh water, or food, for the time that we had sighted him he was saved. He was so exhausted that he could not stand, from near Bergen, Norway, and his age is years. The boy's hands were swollen to a size of two fists. He was two feet

"When we got him aboard," said Mr. Keneedy, the chief officer, "put him in a room forward, where several of his countrymen could address him. I was a doctor, but the captain would not allow him to have it. The first thing that I gave him was a fresh day before, I then gave him a cup of fresh tea, and I bathed him in hot water. I took him in hand when he had had ash enough. At 11 o'clock he suffered a chill, and I gave him a spoonful of brandy. The first thing that Captain McGregor, through the kindness of the doctor, did was to get him to talk, was whether there were any more survivors of the wreck from which he had come. He told me that he was the only survivor of the Norwegian steamer Albatross, of Bergen, which had been wrecked on the ice on December 10, 1892, for Kopevnik, Norway."

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made of a half-inch and a quarter boards and
scantlings. If it had been a post-and-rail pair
of boats, it would have been a rather good one
when the ship went down. I saw the second
mate near me, and the raft which he and I
were in, and the raft which turned out to
be the top of the wheelhouse. The raft
was washed over it, and neither of us could
swim down.

The second officer had been hit by the ship
as she sank. He was already nearly overcome
by exhaustion. He could neither sit nor stand
on the raft. I saw him, and I went to him
with his oilskins in a sitting position in the
water. He lasted no time. On that night he
was washed overboard. I saw the raft which
made the platform more buoyant; but still the
boards were awash, and I had to stand dead
weight on the raft. I was washed over with
nothing to drink, with nothing to eat
and with no sleep.

Another steamer passed you came by an Italian
steamer passed close. I waved my oilskins
and tried to shout, but I was nearly
drowned. I was nearly parched and sweltered.
Another steamer passed too far away to see
me.

The position of the rescue was some 48 miles west of the little island of Martinique, off the coast of South America. The large steamer could not Gibraltar long enough to land the grateful Newtowners, who would be sent to his home near Bergen by the Norwegian Consul.

COLDS THAT HANG ON

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